The Council re-assembled at the Council Chamber, Fort St. George, at 11 a.m. on Monday, the 21st March 1921, the Hon'ble Diwan Bahadur Sir P. RAJAGOPALA ACHARIYAR, K.C.S.I., C.I.E., President, presiding.

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

[*Order made by the President of the Madras Legislative Council under Standing Order No.* 15—

(1) Printed copies of the questions and answers to be put and given at a meeting of the Council shall be placed on the Council table an hour before the President takes his seat.

(2) The questions shall be put and answered in the following manner :—

The Secretary shall call the name of each interpellator in alphabetical order, specify the serial numbers of his questions, and make a sufficient pause to allow him or any other member a reasonable opportunity of rising in his place if he is desirous of asking a supplementary question. Supplementary questions must be put immediately after the principal questions to which they relate.]

Roofing of Bezwada railway platform.

414 *Q.*—Mr. S. R. Y. ANKINEDU PRASAD : To ask the Hon'bble the Home Member—

(*a*) with reference to my question No. 249 and the answer given thereto, at the last sitting of the Legislative Council, whether he will inquire further of the Agent to the Madras and Southern Mahratta Railway Company : (1) which number of passengers is greater and is more inconvenienced of the two sets, viz., (i) passengers transhipping from north-going mail trains referred to in his answer, to His Exalted Highness the Nizam's Guaranteed State Railway trains, or (ii) passengers transhipping from the Calcutta-Madras Mail trains and the Nizam's Guaranteed Railway trains to the trains going to the Ceded Districts via Guntūr and Masulipatam and from these latter again to the former; and passengers who tranship from the passenger and other local trains to the Madras-Calcutta and the Nizam's State Railway trains and those who get in and get out at Bezwada ;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that both the two sets of trains mentioned above used to be received on the same side of the old platform at a small distance between the two before the erection of the new station ;

(*c*) whether such arrangement inconvenienced the passengers in any way ;

(*d*) whether it is not possible to make the same arrangement even now so as to receive the said trains at the covered portion of the platform ;

(*e*) if these trains cannot be so received, whether it is not convenient to receive at least the Madras-Calcutta Mail trains on the covered portion of the platform in view of the fact that no trains are received on that platform at the time when the above mail trains reach Bezwada ;

(*f*) whether it is a fact that transhipping passengers are put to great inconvenience and expense in having to walk a long distance between the trains and to pay a large amount of coolie hire ; and

(*g*) whether any representation has been made by the passengers to receive the Calcutta-Madras trains and the Nizam's Railway trains at both sides of the same platform as now.

A.—The question will be transmitted to the Agent.

Sadler's report on secondary education.

415 *Q.*—Mr. S. R. Y. ANKINEDU PRASAD : To ask the Hon'ble the Minister for Education—

(*a*) to state the approximate date when the Senate of the Madras University will publish their opinion on secondary education based on the Sadler Commission's report ; and